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1 Friday, 22 August 1947

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3 INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL  
4 FOR THE FAR EAST  
5 Court House of the Tribunal  
6 War Ministry Building  
7 Tokyo, Japan

8 The Tribunal met, pursuant to adjournment,  
9 at 0930.

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11 Appearances:

12 For the Tribunal, all Members sitting, with  
13 the exception of: HONORABLE JUSTICE I. M. ZARAYANOV,  
14 Member from the USSR., not sitting from 0930 to 1600;  
15 HONORABLE JUSTICE LORD PATRICK, Member from the  
16 United Kingdom of Great Britain and HONORABLE JUSTICE  
17 E. H. NORTHCROFT, Member from the Dominion of New  
18 Zealand, not sitting from 1330 to 1600.

19 For the Prosecution Section, same as before.

20 For the Defense Section, same as before.

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22 (English to Japanese and Japanese  
23 to English interpretation was made by the  
24 Language Section, IMTFE.)  
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1 MARSHAL OF THE COURT: The International  
2 Military Tribunal for the Far East is now in session.

3 M A K O T O W A K A M A T S U, resumed the stand  
4 and testified, through Japanese interpreters,  
5 as follows:

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Continued)

7 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Brannon.

8 MR. BRANNON: I will proceed with the read-  
9 ing of the affidavit of WAKAMATSU Makoto. Omitting  
10 the formal parts, I read as follows:

11 "My name is WAKAMATSU, Makoto and I reside  
12 at No. 774, Karuizawa, Karuizawa-machi, Nagano  
13 Prefecture. I wish to make the following statement:

14 "1. I was an employee of the NANYO KOHATSU  
15 KABUSHIKI-KAISHA (South Seas Development Co., Ltd.)  
16 As an employee of the said company, I was on Tinian  
17 Island under Japanese mandated rule from January to  
18 October 1935, on Rota Island from October of the same  
19 year to January of 1937, and on Saipan Island from  
20 January 1937 to April 1946. On June 14, 1944 the  
21 United States forces landed on Saipan and I was in  
22 custody of the forces from July 13, 1944 to April,  
23 1946 when I was repatriated to Japan.

24 "2. During my internment, on or about  
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1 March 16, 1946, I was summoned to the United States  
2 Military Government in Saipan and examined by a  
3 young American Lieutenant (junior grade) of about  
4 twenty years. He knew Japanese and interrogated me  
5 in that language. His Japanese was not fluent, but  
6 good enough to make himself understood. He wrote  
7 down my statement in English and had me sign it but  
8 he did not translate it and read it to me.

9 "I have looked at the original document  
10 numbered prosecution exhibit 884 which was shown to  
11 me by defense counsel at the time I was interviewed  
12 here in this building. I do not understand spoken  
13 English. I can only understand written English if  
14 I have an English-Japanese dictionary before me and  
15 considerable time to ponder over the written  
16 material. On the original document is a statement  
17 by Ensign Charles D. Sheldon which reads as follows:

18 "I swear that I am familiar with both the  
19 English language and the Japanese language and that  
20 before the above statement was signed I read same  
21 in the Japanese language to the person who signed  
22 same.'

23 "This statement is in error. A translation  
24 of this English document was not given to me either  
25 orally or in written form. The manner in which I was

1 questioned is as follows: The American Lieutenant  
2 asked me questions in Japanese to which I responded.  
3 Then, writing with a fountain pen on a piece of  
4 paper, he appeared to be making out a statement.  
5 The interview lasted about 20 minutes, at the end of  
6 which time the Lieutenant gave the handwritten piece  
7 of paper to a Navy enlisted man who typed out the  
8 piece of paper which I ultimately signed in the same  
9 room. I knew Ensign Sheldon by sight since he was  
10 in charge of the Japanese internees at my camp and I  
11 saw him almost every day. However, I had never  
12 spoken to him nor he to me. Therefore, the in-  
13 accuracies and mistakes appearing in the affidavit,  
14 Court exhibit 884 in regard to which I shall make my  
15 statement, must have occurred because the English was  
16 never translated into Japanese and read back to me  
17 for confirmation.

18 "3. I want to point out inaccuracies and  
19 mistakes in the affidavit (Court exhibit 884) which  
20 is purported to be the record of my oral statement,  
21 as follows:

22 "(a) In the above-mentioned affidavit it  
23 is written: 'I observed various military installa-  
24 tions in the vicinity of ASLITO Field on which con-  
25 struction was commenced in 1933.' However, I merely



1 stated: 'I think that ASLITO Air Field had been  
2 there about two years before I reached Saipan.' I  
3 did not state 'I observed various military in-  
4 stallations.'

5 "(b) In the same affidavit it is written:  
6 'Two years before the outbreak of the war, the Japan-  
7 ese military built a series of concrete trenches  
8 and shelters around the ASLITO Air Field which were  
9 designed to serve as means of protection in case of  
10 air raids.' However, this is an error. I stated:  
11 'One or two years before the U. S. forces occupied  
12 SAIPAN, I saw concrete air raid shelters along the  
13 road near the Air Field.'

14 "(c) In the same affidavit it is written:  
15 'In 1940, I happened to see some Japanese navy men  
16 storing a huge amount of ammunition in some ware-  
17 houses in ASLITO Air Field. These warehouses were  
18 situated in a forest section and were camouflaged to  
19 look like trees.' This is also a mistake. I merely  
20 stated: 'About one year before the occupation by  
21 the United States forces I saw camouflaged warehouses  
22 on the hillside of ASLITO.' And when I was questioned  
23 in regard to what was contained in those warehouses,  
24 I answered: 'I don't know.'

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21 the United States forces I saw camouflaged warehouses  
22 on the hillside of ASLITO.' And when I was questioned  
23 in regard to what was contained in those warehouses,  
24 I answered: 'I don't know.'

25 "(d) In the same affidavit it is written:



1 'There were coastal guns located on AGINGAN Point  
2 and NAFUTAN Point.' However, actually I answered:  
3 'About one year before the occupation of the United  
4 States forces, I heard that there were coastal guns  
5 on AGINGAN Point and NAFUTAN Point.'

6 "(e) In the same affidavit it is written:  
7 'I heard after from NKK officials that there was an  
8 anti-submarine net in TANAPAG Harbor placed there  
9 just before December, 1941.' However, the fact is  
10 that when I was asked 'You know that there was an  
11 anti-submarine net in TANAPAG Harbor, don't you?'  
12 I answered: 'I don't know about it.'

13 "4. Since, as above mentioned, I stayed on  
14 Saipan, Tinian and Rota Islands for about ten years  
15 from 1935 to 1946, I was very familiar with con-  
16 ditions on these islands. The cultivation of sugar  
17 cane, the manufacture of sugar and alcohol, and the  
18 improvement of fishing and fisheries, etc., in these  
19 islands were promoted by the Japanese. Beside the  
20 Japanese, the Chamorros, Kanakas and other natives  
21 were also employed, and they were engaged in the  
22 above productive industries, thereby elevating their  
23 economic standard of living to a remarkable extent.

24 "In each island, besides schools for the  
25 Japanese, public schools for the natives were



1 established. Primary education was widely carried  
2 on. Secondary education was given to both the  
3 Japanese and the natives together in the Japanese  
4 school. Some of the natives who graduated from  
5 intermediate schools went to Japan to be educated  
6 in colleges. The Japanese made almost no discrimina-  
7 tion in their treatment of the natives. It is true  
8 that the standard of living of the natives was  
9 lower than that of the Japanese, but generally the  
10 Japanese were kind to them, and never worked the  
11 native laborers excessively. Therefore, the natives  
12 always felt well disposed toward the Japanese."

13 Signed, "WAKAMATSU, Makoto."

14 You may examine.

15 THE PRESIDENT: Brigadier Quilliam.  
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## CROSS-EXAMINATION

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2 BY BRIGADIER QUILLIAM:

3 Q Witness, in what year were you born?

4 A I was born on June 15, 1907.

5 Q By occupation you are a chemical engineer,  
6 are you not?

7 A I am a chemical apprentice engineer.

8 BRIGADIER QUILLIAM: I am afraid I did not--

9 THE INTERPRETER: Chemical apprentice engineer.

10 BRIGADIER QUILLIAM: I did not hear the  
11 answer, may it please your Honor -- the translation.

12 THE INTERPRETER: An apprenticed chemical  
13 engineer.

14 THE PRESIDENT: Your headphones must be  
15 defective, Brigadier.

16 BRIGADIER QUILLIAM: Yes, I am afraid so.

17 THE PRESIDENT: I have heard the answer three  
18 times.

19 BRIGADIER QUILLIAM: I heard the words  
20 "chemical engineer" but I did not hear what preceded  
21 those words.

22 THE INTERPRETER: Correction in the trans-  
23 lation: chemical technician.

24 Q I take it you had a university education, is  
25 that so?

1           A    Secondary school.

2           Q    And you were employed, were you not, for  
3 some years by the South Seas Development Company?

4           A    Yes, since September, 1934 -- December,  
5 correction.

6           Q    Were you employed as chemical technician?

7           A    At first an apprentice and later I became a  
8 technician.

9           Q    That would be a very responsible position,  
10 would it not?

11          A    Just an ordinary member of the staff.

12          Q    Now coming to the circumstances of your  
13 making your first statement, Witness, I understand  
14 that you were directed to go to the Military Government  
15 Office, is that so?

16          A    I was asked to come to the United States  
17 Military Government Office.

18          Q    And who were there when you arrived?

19          A    The one who interrogated, a young lieutenant,  
20 two natives, and in another room more than ten natives.

21          Q    Was there not also a typist there, an  
22 enlisted man?

23          A    Yes, in addition to the lieutenant there was  
24 an enlisted man who was a typist and after my interro-  
25 gation was over there were two natives in the room.



1 In addition there were two natives whose interrogation  
2 had already been concluded.

3 Q Did the officer tell you what he wanted you  
4 for?

5 A He did not say anything.

6 Q How did matters proceed; what happened?

7 A In accordance with some notations made on a  
8 memo paper he asked questions such as were incorporated  
9 in the affidavit.

10 Q And all those questions had reference to  
11 fortifications and military installations in the  
12 Mandated Islands, did they not?

13 A He apparently had some kind of a list of  
14 questions and asked me questions one by one, "When  
15 was the airfield created?"; "Were you ever there?";  
16 and so forth.

17 Q And they all had reference to fortifications  
18 and installations in the Mandated Islands, did they not?

19 A Everything related to the armed forces.

20 Q All right. Now as to your knowledge of  
21 English, I understand that you can read English but  
22 only with great difficulty, is that so?

23 A That is a fact.

24 Q Can you write English, write in the English  
25 form?

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25 form?



A Yes.

1 Q In fact, you wrote your name in the English  
2 form twice in the statement, did you not?

3 A Yes.

4 Q On how many copies of the statement did you  
5 write your name?

6 A Just one copy.

7 Q And how long did the whole matter take?  
8 How long were you there altogether?

9 A I think it was approximately twenty minutes.

10 Q Did you, before signing, ask the officer  
11 any questions yourself?

12 A No, I did not.

13 Q Did you not ask what it was you were being  
14 required to sign?

15 A I asked no questions.

16 Q Very well. Now, when did you first know  
17 that your statement had been produced to the Tribunal  
18 here?

19 A I learned about it for the first time when  
20 it appeared in the newspapers in October last year.

21 Q And what did you do about the matter?

22 A I did nothing.

23 Q When did anyone first see you about it?

24 A I do not remember the date but I was asked  
25



1 to call on the defense counsel and meet defense  
2 counsels.

3 Q You made your affidavit on the 22d of May  
4 of this year. How long before that was it that you  
5 were asked to call on defense counsel?

6 A I made visits to defense counsel a number of  
7 times and I do not remember very exactly but I think  
8 it was in November last year.

9 BRIGADIER QUILLIAM: May it please the  
10 Tribunal, I have no further questions.

11 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Roberts.

12 MR. ROBERTS: No further questions. May the  
13 witness be excused on the regular terms?

14 THE PRESIDENT: He is excused accordingly.

15 (Whereupon, the witness was excused.)

16 MR. ROBERTS: We call as our next witness  
17 Juji ENOMOTO. This witness will testify concerning  
18 the Japanese position underlying the abrogation of the  
19 Washington Naval Treaty giving fully the reasons  
20 therefor. This will be the only direct evidence  
21 either by documents or testimony on this point.  
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1 J U J I E N O M O T O, recalled as a witness on  
2 behalf of the defense, having been previously  
3 sworn, testified through Japanese interpreters  
4 as follows:

5 MR. ROBERTS: May the witness be shown  
6 defense document 1904?

7 THE PRESIDENT: You are still on your former  
8 oath.

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. ROBERTS:

11 Q Please examine this document and tell us  
12 whether or not it is your sworn affidavit.

13 A This is my affidavit.

14 Q Is it true and correct?

15 A Yes.

16 MR. ROBERTS: I offer in evidence, together  
17 with the annexes but with the understanding that the  
18 annexes are not to be read but are only offered because  
19 of the fact that they are referred to and mentioned  
20 in the affidavit, defense document 1904.

21 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Comyns Carr.

22 MR. COMYNS CARR: May it please the Tribunal,  
23 the prosecution objects to this document and its annexes  
24 as an abuse of the processes of this Court. Yesterday  
25 an affidavit of eleven pages by this witness was

1 rejected. Today he returns to the charge with an  
2 affidavit of 89 pages together with 24 annexes which,  
3 if I have counted them correctly, contain 155 pages.  
4 The only issue in this case to which all that is  
5 directed is the question of the denunciation of the  
6 Washington Naval Treaty in 1934 and the failure of  
7 the London Conference to arrive at a new agreement  
8 at subsequent meetings down to January 1936.

9 In our submission the whole of what is worth  
10 saying in this affidavit could have been included in  
11 ten pages but the witness has chosen to approach it  
12 by, first of all, 24 pages and 13 annexes dealing  
13 solely with the history of conferences previous to  
14 the one in question beginning with the year 1921,  
15 including all of the proposals, counterproposals and  
16 arguments used in support thereof.

17 At page 24 he starts on the real subject  
18 matter and the remaining 65 pages do deal with it but  
19 in a manner so prolix with again, and in much more  
20 detail, every proposal and counterproposal made by  
21 everyone of the powers taking part in the conference,  
22 all the arguments and the reasons for the Japanese  
23 views, a number of instructions alleged to have been  
24 received at various stages by the Japanese delegates,  
25 a number of private conversations between delegates



1 at the conference and elsewhere, and pages of  
2 protestations of Japan's pacific intentions together  
3 with the witness' opinions on various points.

4 We have tried to see whether it would be  
5 possible to pick out bits of it that contain the gist  
6 but that seems to be impossible and we ask the Tribunal  
7 to reject the whole of it for outrageous prolixity.  
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1 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Comyns Carr, we should  
2 have what the Japanese representatives wrote and  
3 said at the time and such other material as is  
4 necessary to understand that. I think we have some  
5 of it; we may not have all of it. Probably this  
6 affidavit goes beyond what is necessary, that is,  
7 according to your description.

8 MR. COMYNS CARR: Yes, your Honor. I was  
9 submitting that it goes so outrageously beyond what  
10 is necessary that the only way of dealing with it  
11 is to leave it to the defense to prepare a proper  
12 document containing only what is necessary and sub-  
13 mit it at some later stage.

14 THE PRESIDENT: From what you say this is not  
15 merely evidence, but an elaborate argument.

16 MR. COMYNS CARR: Yes.

17 MR. ROBERTS: I submit that the statement  
18 of the prosecutor that it is an elaborate argument  
19 is not in accordance with the facts. The Court should  
20 keep in mind this covers a period of events beginning  
21 in 1925 and continuing until 1936. This man is the  
22 only living member of the delegations that attended  
23 all the conferences, and he, as the Court has sug-  
24 gested, is giving only the conversations that took  
25 place on the part of the delegates and stating the

1 actual facts that occurred.

2 We can assure the Court that the defense has  
3 spent many hours and many days going over this infor-  
4 mation and these facts, and have boiled it down to  
5 the barest minimum in order to give a true picture  
6 and a true story of actually what happened at those  
7 conferences. The Court will recall that in our  
8 previous affidavits in this phase when it was possible  
9 we reduced them to one or two or three pages just to  
10 give you the facts.

11 THE PRESIDENT: We want you to do that  
12 again. We could have nothing more conclusive than  
13 what the Japanese representatives said and wrote at  
14 the time, more particularly what they said at the  
15 conferences. We do not need the help of this witness  
16 to elaborate or elucidate the views of the Japanese  
17 representatives.

18 MR. ROBERTS: If your Honor please, he is  
19 not elaborating. As you suggested, he is giving  
20 their version of what they said because he was there  
21 at the time. He is simply repeating --

22 THE PRESIDENT: But what they said at the  
23 time was recorded then and is to be found in well-  
24 known publications. Where are they?

25 MR. ROBERTS: That is exactly what we are



1 trying to avoid in getting into time that will be  
2 expended in producing all those documents; whereas,  
3 this man who was present can tell us exactly what was  
4 said by the delegates and all the facts surrounding  
5 those talks.

6 THE PRESIDENT: We do not need his assis-  
7 tance to edit the official reports of the conference.

8 MR. BRANNON: Mr. President, since I am in  
9 the main responsible for this document I would like  
10 to explain very briefly how we came to draft it as  
11 we did and why.

12 THE PRESIDENT: No explanation is needed.  
13 We must judge of these things on their face -- not  
14 how and why you came to draft the affidavit. All  
15 that matters is what the Japanese representatives said  
16 at the conference. We are not going to ask this man  
17 to tell us again, in his own words, when the official  
18 report is available.

19 MR. COMYNS CARR: Your Honor, I understood  
20 the Tribunal had made a rule that only one counsel  
21 be heard on each side on one objection.

22 THE PRESIDENT: We have not decided to hear  
23 him. Since he appeared there I have done all the  
24 talking. I am saying that it is not necessary to  
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1 hear him, Mr. Carr.

2 MR. BRANNON: I would like to state some-  
3 thing, Mr. President.

4 THE PRESIDENT: You cannot. A majority  
5 are not prepared to hear two counsel on any point.  
6 There is nothing to hear on this point, at all events.

7 MR. BRANNON: We have no further evidence on  
8 this point.

9 THE PRESIDENT: A majority are for reject-  
10 ing this affidavit, but they are not adverse to re-  
11 ceiving it again if it is confined to what is relevant  
12 and material and is not prolix. Frankly, I cannot see  
13 why we need more than the report of the conferences,  
14 and that is available.

15 MR. ROBERTS: The point is that that report  
16 would not give us the Japanese idea as it developed  
17 from the original conference in 1921. This is not an  
18 idea that arose suddenly in 1935 or 1936, at the time  
19 of the abrogation of the treaty. It was something that  
20 grew out of talks, and conferences were held since the  
21 beginning of the original Washington conference. As  
22 to official statements, documents and utterances, we  
23 have then here, if your Honor please, in these twenty-  
24 four annexes which we are submitting for the guidance  
25 of the Court, and they are referred to in this

1 affidavit.

2 We want this Court to understand that we  
3 considered this matter very seriously, that we spent  
4 many, many days on the material to be provided, and  
5 that we have cut it down up to the present time to  
6 the barest minimum that we consider necessary to  
7 give you the exact and truthful facts surrounding  
8 the abrogation of that treaty.

9 THE PRESIDENT: By a majority the objec-  
10 tion is sustained and the affidavit in its present  
11 prolix form is rejected. .

12 I make it clear we are not rejecting the  
13 proceedings of the conferences so far as they assist  
14 the Japanese.

15 MR. ROBERTS: We still insist that this is  
16 the shortest method of proving these facts, and we  
17 have tried and endeavored to reduce it to the barest  
18 minimum, and that is what we consider it to be.

19 THE PRESIDENT: There is no need to repeat  
20 yourself, Mr. Roberts.

21 MR. BRANNON: We offer in evidence defense  
22 document 1972, which is the sworn affidavit of Paul  
23 W. Wenneker, former German Naval Attache to Japan  
24 and Admiral in the German Navy.

25 THE PRESIDENT: This witness is discharged



1 on the usual terms. Personally, I do not see any  
2 need to recall him, but you may be permitted to do so.

3 (Whereupon, the witness was  
4 excused.)

5 MR. BRANNON (Continuing): While giving  
6 information concerning several of the Mandated Is-  
7 lands and the lack of fortifications thereon, in the  
8 main this statement is directed at the charge of  
9 naval collaboration between Germany and Japan with  
10 special reference to submarine warfare.

11 It was the personal desire of defense counsel  
12 to produce this witness so that he might testify from  
13 the box, but because of the repatriation program  
14 returning German nationals to their native land this  
15 month the prosecution has waived its cross examina-  
16 tion and the defense has agreed to present the  
17 affidavit alone.

18 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner.

19 MR. TAVENNER: If the Tribunal please, your  
20 attention is called to page 3, item 5, the last sen-  
21 tence in that item, beginning with the words, "As I  
22 said before . . ." Objection is made to this sentence  
23 on the ground that it is an expression of opinion. In  
24 fact, it is worse than that; it is a speculation and  
25 surmise on the part of the witness.

THE PRESIDENT: He can testify as to his  
1 surprise, but not as to his opinion certainly. In  
2 half of that last sentence he repeats his surprise  
3 already expressed, but when he says he feels a thing --  
4 you can ordinarily testify to your feelings, but by  
5 feeling, there he means in his opinion.

6 MR. TAVENNER: Yes. We desire to object  
7 also to that part of the sentence dealing with the  
8 witness' surprise, as that is certainly irrelevant  
9 and immaterial.

10 THE PRESIDENT: Well, you did not object  
11 to it when he expressed it before, you see.

12 MR. BRANNON: This is a full admiral, a  
13 military man by profession, and we feel that in using  
14 this particular kind of language he is merely impressing  
15 what his thought was. This is not opinion to the ex-  
16 tent as to be objectionable.

17 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Taveaner.

18 MR. TAVENNER: If the Tribunal please, I had  
19 not quite completed my statement, as I advised counsel,  
20 but he had already started to make his statement.

21 There is a prior reference in the same  
22 paragraph as to the surprise of himself and the  
Italian attache beginning with the sentence, "I, like  
the Italian attache . . ." and I desire to extend

1 the objection to cover the surprise of the Italian  
2 attache as well as that of the German admiral.  
3 Whether or not either is surprised is certainly not  
4 relevant or material to any issue.

5 MR. BRANNON: Mr. President, we feel that  
6 it is purely a gratuitous objection, a play on words.  
7 The meaning is very clear. The man is not trying  
8 to express his emotions; he is just trying to state  
9 a fact.

10 THE PRESIDENT: I think it is irrelevant;  
11 but, as has been said by a colleague, it is petty.  
12 The last sentence should be omitted, the last sentence  
13 in paragraph 5 should be omitted. The objection is  
14 sustained to that extent.

15 CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 1972  
16 will receive exhibit No. 2999.

17 (Whereupon, the document above  
18 referred to was marked defense exhibit  
19 No. 2999 and received in evidence.)  
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1 MR. BRANNON: I now read the affidavit of  
2 Paul W. Wenneker.

3 "1. My name is Paul W. Wenneker. I reached  
4 the rank of full Admiral in the German Navy. From  
5 1934 until 1937, and later from 1940 until the surren-  
6 der I was the chief German Naval Attache to Japan,  
7 residing in Tokyo. After returning to Germany in 1937  
8 I was given general naval duty including command of  
9 the German pocket battleship Deutschland.

10 "2. My duties as German Naval Attache were  
11 quite similar to the duties of attaches of other  
12 countries at that time. During my first stay in Japan  
13 from 1934 to 1937 I had absolutely no instructions  
14 of any kind with reference to military collaboration  
15 with Japan. In fact my association with the naval  
16 men of other countries, namely Great Britain, the  
17 United States and Russia was much closer than with  
18 the Japanese. We were all treated with like suspicion  
19 and distrust by Japanese naval officers. Even when  
20 I returned the second time in 1940, after the outbreak  
21 of the European war, the situation relative to coopera-  
22 tion between my country and the Japanese naval offi-  
23 cials was not greatly improved. I seldom was able to  
24 inspect their ships. My request to visit the Mandated  
25 Islands had been repeatedly refused. I was never

1 afforded the courtesy of discussing matters with  
2 Japanese naval officers of my own rank but was forced  
3 to deal with captains and younger officers. Even  
4 after the outbreak of hostilities in the Pacific,  
5 cooperation was sadly lacking between German and  
6 Japanese naval officials.

7 "3. I was not informed by the Japanese that  
8 they were to attack Pearl Harbor. I did not know that  
9 hostilities would commence on December 8, 1941. Such  
10 information had not been conveyed to my country  
11 through my office or through the Embassy, even though  
12 both Germany and Japan were then faced with a common  
13 enemy. As to the real strength of the Japanese Navy,  
14 the number and size of ships under construction, the  
15 construction projects under consideration, the oil  
16 supply in stock and operational plans under contempla-  
17 tion, I must state that I possessed not even an  
18 approximate knowledge concerning them, even though I  
19 was the logical person to receive such information.  
20 I had inquired concerning these matters frequently  
21 both officially and privately but received either no  
22 replies or such vague answers as to be of no value  
23 whatsoever.  
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25 "During the Pacific War, further evidence  
of lack of cooperation was the fact that the Japanese

1 failed to reveal vital information concerning their  
2 losses incurred during important naval battles. I  
3 distinctly remember that it was around a year after  
4 the battle of Midway that I first learned that Japan  
5 had lost four carriers. We had requested information  
6 concerning this particular matter on many occasions  
7 since we had heard American broadcasts to this effect  
8 but the Japanese consistently refused to inform us.

9 "4. Relative to cooperation between Germany  
10 and Japan in regard to submarine warfare, I wish to  
11 say that the utter lack of cooperation would be the  
12 better topic for discussion. Germany did attempt to  
13 school Japanese naval officers in the thought that  
14 submarines should be used to attack enemy merchant  
15 shipping and thereby to cut off the supply lines.  
16 The Japanese Navy contended that they could better  
17 use their submarines for direct attack against fight-  
18 ing vessels of the enemy. Hence our proposal was  
19 completely rejected. We wished to assist the Japanese  
20 toward the construction of modern and efficient sub-  
21 marines. To this end we presented them with two new  
22 submarines. The first was delivered by German crew  
23 at Kure. The second was lost in the North Atlantic  
24 and never reached the Japanese Islands. The first  
25 submarine was minutely inspected by the Japanese but



1 I was later informed that they did not feel they  
2 could duplicate it and did not intend to do so.  
3 Therefore, in so far as German activity is concerned,  
4 the Japanese submarine warfare was not affected in  
5 any way.

6 "5. In April of 1942, I was finally allowed  
7 to visit some of the Mandated Islands. I went to  
8 Palau and Saipan, also stopping at Guam. I have  
9 been asked if there were any fortifications on Saipan  
10 or Palau. I, like the Italian Attache who was with  
11 me, was greatly surprised to note there were absolutely  
12 none. We saw air strips, some good billets, houses  
13 and store houses, but no guns and no fortifications.  
14 I saw a large field on Saipan which was supposed to  
15 be an airfield but which was grown over by weeds.  
16 The harbors were very poor and they were only commencing  
17 the building of oil tanks.

18 "6. Germany lost two auxiliary cruisers,  
19 three submarines and six steamers in Japanese waters  
20 during the war. Most of these were lost out of lack  
21 of cooperation, that is, insufficient escort or the  
22 relaying of vital information concerning the enemy's  
23 position by the Japanese.

24 "7. During my stay in Japan and from my many  
25 social and business contacts with various military

1 men, I noticed a decided lack of cooperation even  
2 between the Japanese Army and Navy. They were  
3 constantly suspicious and jealous of each other and I  
4 personally tried to smooth matters over as best I  
5 could. The Army escorted its own convoys and except  
6 for those military movements which necessitated the use  
7 of the Navy in transporting Army troops the disunity  
8 was quite amazing to me."

9 Signed, "Paul W. Wenneker."

10 We call as our next witness, NOMURA, Naokuni.  
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1 N A O K U N I N O M U R A, called as a witness  
2 on behalf of the defense, being first duly  
3 sworn, testified through Japanese inter-  
4 preters as follows:

## DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. ROBERTS:

Q Please state your name and address.

A My name is NOMURA, Naokuni; my address,  
9 No. 1 Kitazawa, 2-chome, Setagaya, Tokyo.Q May the witness be shown defense document  
11 No. 1606. Please tell us if that is your sworn  
12 affidavit, Mr. NOMURA? Is it true and correct?

A This is my affidavit.

Q Are the contents true and correct?

A Yes.

MR. ROBERTS: I offer in evidence defense  
17 document No. 1606.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner.

MR. TAVENNER: If the Tribunal please,  
21 objection is made to two matters in the Indictment  
22 which relate to instructions or telegrams which are  
23 not presented or the absence of which is not accounted  
24 for.THE MONITOR: Mr. Tavenner, this word "Indict-  
25 ment" --



1 MR. TAVENNER: Of course, I meant affidavit.  
2 I am sorry.

3 The first appears near the bottom of page 1,  
4 beginning with the last sentence: "On my departure..."  
5 and extends to the middle of page 2. It is a direct  
6 quotation.

7 The second matter appears at the bottom of  
8 page 3, beginning with the last sentence: "As a  
9 response to my repeated inquiry..." and extends over  
10 through the first three lines on page 4.

11 That is all.

12 MR. ROBERTS: The documents referred to  
13 were the object of a search on our behalf, and we  
14 have received a certificate just the day before yester-  
15 day stating that the documents referred to had been  
16 lost in the fires. The certificate has been lodged  
17 with the clerk, and in view of the fact that we have  
18 not had time to process it, I would like permission of  
19 the Court to read the certificate and waive the  
20 processing.

21 THE PRESIDENT: Tender the certificate.

22 MR. ROBERTS: I hereby tender the certificate,  
23 which accounts for the lost documents.

24 THE PRESIDENT: Admitted on the usual terms.

25 I know that copies are not available, but

1 read the certificate. Do so after the recess.

2 We will recess for fifteen minutes.

3 (Whereupon, at 1045, a recess was  
4 taken until 1100, after which the proceed-  
5 ings were resumed as follows:)

6 MR. TAYLOR: Yes. I ask that the affidavit  
7 be marked first.

8 MR. TAYLOR: If your Honor please, I had  
9 understood that the affidavit would be presented

10 first for review by the court, the affidavit,  
11 is admitted in its entirety.

12 THE PRESIDENT: If we are going to be about  
13 up on all these other questions, we will be here for  
14 hours. Personally, I am going to endeavor to reduce them  
15 to cut them out. The certificate is in court and you  
16 have seen it, no doubt, and you know whether you are  
17 going to object or not. You did not object.

18 MR. TAYLOR: If the Tribunal please, the  
19 certificate has not been introduced to be and I have not  
20 seen it, and I understood there is no copy of it.

21 THE PRESIDENT: It is open to inspection by  
22 you. It is in the hands of the Clerk.

23 MR. TAYLOR: I asked for a copy of it  
24 some time ago and I didn't understand that the Clerk had it.

25 THE PRESIDENT: Mark both documents.

STATE OF THE COURT: Defense document 1006

1 MARSHAL OF THE COURT: The International  
2 Military Tribunal for the Far East is now resumed.

3 THE PRESIDENT: The documents last tendered  
4 should be marked.

5 MR. ROBERTS: Yes. I ask that the affidavit  
6 be marked first.

7 MR. TAVENNER: If your Honor please, I had  
8 understood that the certificate should be presented  
9 first for examination before the document, the affidavit,  
10 is admitted in its entirety.

11 THE PRESIDENT: If we are going to be stuck  
12 up on all these sheer formalities, we will be here for  
13 years. Personally, I am going to endeavor to reduce them,  
14 to cut them out. The certificate is in court and you  
15 have seen it, no doubt, and you know whether you are  
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18 certificate has not been presented to me and I have not  
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21 you. It is in the hands of the Clerk.

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23 moment ago and I didn't understand that the Clerk had it.

24 THE PRESIDENT: Mark both documents.

25 CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 1606



1 will receive exhibit No. 3000. The Certificate of  
2 Non-existence of Documents will receive exhibit No.  
3 3000-A.

4 (Whereupon, the documents above re-  
5 ferred to were marked defense exhibit Nos.  
6 3000 and 3000-A, respectively, and received  
7 in evidence.)

8 MR. ROBERTS: I shall read the certificate,  
9 being exhibit No. 3000-A:

10 "I, YOSHII Michinori, am Archives Section  
11 Chief, of the Demobilization Bureau II, of the Demobil-  
12 ization Office, and a document custodian of the  
13 Demobilization Bureau II.

14 "2. The originals, duplicates and copies of  
15 the following telegrams do none of them exist in the  
16 Demobilization Bureau II, the organization disposing of  
17 the remaining business of the former Japanese Navy  
18 Department.

19 "(1) the telegrams exchanged in 1941 between  
20 Vice-Admiral NOMURA at Berlin and the Japanese Navy  
21 concerning American-Japanese negotiations

22 "(2) the joint telegraphic instructions dis-  
23 patched in January, 1942 by the Navy Minister and the  
24 Naval General Staff Chief to Vice-Admiral NOMURA at  
25 Berlin concerning the conclusion of the Military

1 Agreement effected in January, 1942

2 "(3) the telegrams exchanged between Vice-  
3 Admiral NOMURA at Berlin, and the Navy Ministry and  
4 the Naval General Staff since the March-April period  
5 in 1942 concerning the intensifying of operations by  
6 the Japanese Navy in the Indian Ocean area.

7 "3. Of the foregoing telegrams, the duplicates  
8 of the outgoing telegrams and the originals of the in-  
9 coming telegrams in Section(1) were in the custody of the  
10 General Affairs Bureau of the Navy Ministry, or in the  
11 Navy Minister's Secretariat; the duplicates of the  
12 telegrams in Section(2) and the duplicates of the out-  
13 going telegrams and the originals of the incoming  
14 telegrams in Section (3) were in the custody either  
15 of the General Affairs Bureau of the Navy Ministry, the  
16 Navy Minister's Secretariat or of the 1st Department  
17 of the Naval General Staff, and where there were no  
18 originals or duplicates, there were found copies kept  
19 in custody. The rule was that copies of telegrams  
20 should all be kept for one year in the custody of the  
21 Telegraph Section of the Navy Ministry.

22 "4. In the U.S. air-raids of May, 1945, con-  
23 tinuing from mid-night of 25 to dawn of 26, the bulk  
24 of the Navy Ministry building was destroyed by fire.  
25 The Minister's Secretariat, the General Affairs Bureau

1 of the Navy Ministry, and the 1st Department of the  
2 Naval General Staff and the office rooms of the  
3 Telegraph Section were all reduced to ashes, when almost  
4 all the documents kept in these places were lost.

5 "The originals, duplicates and copies now  
6 missing are believed to have all been destroyed by fire  
7 on this occasion.

8 "5. As for the originals and duplicates of the  
9 above-mentioned telegrams kept in custody at the  
10 Japanese Embassy at Berlin, we inquired of all the re-  
11 turnees including former Admiral NOMURA, but none of  
12 them possessed the copies obviously having destroyed  
13 them by fire previously to the German capitulation.

14 "I avouch for the truth of the above statement  
15 in every respect.

16 "Certified at Tokyo on this 19th day of August,  
17 1947."

18 Additional certificate:

19 "I, who occupy the post of the Archives Section  
20 Chief of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, hereby certify  
21 that the telegram dispatched about March, 1943 by  
22 Ambassador OSHIMA at Berlin concerning the transference  
23 to Japan of German submarines and the reply telegram  
24 thereto are not among the documents in the custody of  
25 the Foreign Affairs Ministry.



1 "Certified at Tokyo on this 19th day of August,  
2 1947."

3 Additional certificate:

4 "I, Taniguchi Yasumaro, occupied from May,  
5 1940 till May, 1945 the post of assistant Naval Attache  
6 to the Japanese Embassy at Berlin,, and was in charge  
7 of the telegrams dispatched and received by those con-  
8 cerned with the Navy and the custody of these documents.

9 "2. With air-raids on Berlin intensified  
10 from about November 1943, we consigned to the fire some  
11 of the important documents and telegrams on several  
12 occasions, and in April, 1945, when Berlin fell in a  
13 crisis, we destroyed the rest of them by fire for the  
14 last time.

15 "3. The originals, duplicates and copies  
16 of the telegrams mentioned below do none of them exist  
17 as they were completely destroyed by fire on the above-  
18 mentioned occasions.

19 "(1) the telegram exchanged in 1941 between  
20 Vice-Admiral NOMURA at Berlin and the concerning the  
21 America-Japan negotiations

22 "(2) the telegraphic instructions dispatched  
23 in January, 1942 by the Naval General Staff Chief and  
24 the Navy Minister to Vice-Admiral NOMURA concerning the  
25 conclusion of the Military Agreement

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2           "(3) the telegrams exchanged between  
3 Vice-Admiral NOMURA at Berlin, and the Japanese Naval  
4 General Staff and the Navy Ministry since the March-  
5 April period in 1942 concerning the intensifying of  
6 operations by the Japanese Navy in the Indian Ocean  
7 area.

8           "I avouch for the truth of the above statement  
9 in every respect.

10           "Certified at Yokosuka on this 16th Day of  
11 August, 1947."  
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1 I read exhibit No. 3000, the affidavit of  
2 NOMURA, Naokuni:

3 "1. German-Japanese Military Cooperation  
4 Before the Outbreak of the Pacific War.

5 "When the German-Italian-Japanese Tripartite  
6 Pact was concluded I was appointed military committee  
7 member of the Mixed Technical Commission which had  
8 been set up in accordance with Article 4 of the Pact,  
9 and in this capacity I left Tokyo for Germany in  
10 December, 1940. On my departure the Navy Minister's  
11 instructions were handed to me by TOYODA, Teijiro  
12 the Vice-Minister of the Navy. They read: 'The  
13 Tripartite Alliance Pact aims at precluding a war with  
14 the United States, and, by improving our diplomatic  
15 relation with that country, it is to give an impetus  
16 to an early settlement of the Sino-Japanese Conflict.  
17 Such being the case, the primary duty of the Military  
18 Commissioner is to pass correct judgment from the  
19 military viewpoint on the question of 'whether or not  
20 an act of offense has been launched upon one of the  
21 parties of the alliance' as provided in Article 3 of  
22 the Pact. In view of the fact that this pact is for  
23 an alliance for defensive purposes care must be taken  
24 to avoid immaturely reaching the decision that 'an act  
25 of offense has been committed' and thereby drawing this



1 Japanese Ambassador there. However, with regard to  
2 problems concerning purely military operation, I  
3 consulted directly with the military authorities con-  
4 cerned, thus making them clearly distinct from politi-  
5 cal matters. And even in the disposition of these  
6 military matters, our military commissioners acted  
7 merely as a liaison office between Tokyo and Berlin.  
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9 "The only work in which the military commis-  
10 sioner had acted under explicit directions from Tokyo  
11 concerned the conclusion of the Military Agreement  
12 which was originated by the instruction of the central  
13 authorities --" there is a correction there --"given  
14 to him in January, 1942, i.e., immediately after the  
15 outbreak of the Pacific War. No other direction was  
16 given from Tokyo at all.

17 "During the period of the American-Japanese  
18 diplomatic talks, not even information relative to  
19 the above negotiation could be received by us from  
20 our Central Office. (T.N. Japanese Government in  
21 Tokyo.) Aroused by loud talks in the air as rever-  
22 berated through papers of neutral states I referred  
23 the matter to Tokyo more than once by telegraph, be-  
24 cause of my great anxiety. As a response to my repeat-  
25 ed inquiry, if I remember right, just a single answer  
was received some time in July or August of 1941, to

1 the effect that the Japanese Government was conducting  
2 negotiations with the United States in strict conform-  
3 ity with the spirit of the Tripartite Alliance Pact  
4 which aimed solely at the prevention of the American  
5 participation in war and at the settlement of the Sino-  
6 Japanese Conflict.

7 "2. Concerning the Military Agreement.

8 "On January 19, 1942, Showa 17, shortly after  
9 the commencement of the Pacific War, the Military Agree-  
10 ment was concluded by Germany, Italy and Japan. Because  
11 this was purely a military accord among the Supreme  
12 Commands of the three powers, the Japanese Ambassador  
13 took no part in the agreement. According to the pro-  
14 visions of the agreement, Japan was to destroy the  
15 enemy in the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean east  
16 of Longitude 70 degrees east, and Germany and Italy  
17 were to destroy the enemy in the Atlantic Ocean, the  
18 Mediterranean Sea, and the Indian Ocean west of Longi-  
19 tude 70 degrees east. The basic idea of this accord  
20 was that the best coordinated operational result might  
21 be expected through independent activities of each  
22 navy in its respective designated area. Therefore  
23 each navy conducted its operations entirely under its  
24 own plans and abilities, apart from those of the  
25 colleague powers; and no special mutual talks were

1 held for the coordination of the operational activities  
2 of the three. Though, of course, as will be mentioned  
3 later, there were several occasions when one party or  
4 another made proposals regarding a partner's methods  
5 of operation, as is naturally the case with a wartime  
6 alliance, these proposals were nothing but the expres-  
7 sion of the desire of the party so proposing, all de-  
8 ciding authority over the actual conduct of the oper-  
9 ations being always reserved by the party responsible  
10 for the operations.

11 "3. Military Cooperation, including Sub-  
12 marine Warfare, after the Outbreak of the Pacific War.

13 "Based on the information that around March  
14 or April, 1942 the United States had commenced trans-  
15 portation activities on a large scale to the North  
16 African theatre via the Cape of Good Hope, the navies  
17 of Germany and Italy made repeated proposals to the  
18 effect that they were desirous of seeing the Japanese  
19 Navy intensify its activities in the Indian Ocean in-  
20 cluding offensive action against the American trans-  
21 portation activities and re-enforce its forces strongly  
22 in this theatre. In this proposal, their desire was  
23 for a powerful re-enforcement of the Japanese fleet  
24 in this theatre with strong surface vessels as the  
25 main strength rather than a mere encouragement of the



1 submarine campaign as heretofore conducted by the  
2 Japanese Navy.

3 "Whenever these proposals were made I tried  
4 to persuade the German authorities on the basis of  
5 directions from Tokyo that the Japanese fleet were  
6 too fully occupied with the operations in other theaters  
7 to divert much of its strength to the Indian Ocean.  
8 Nevertheless the same proposal was repeated again and  
9 again with the increase of difficulty in maintaining  
10 the German military position in North Africa. In some  
11 cases they expressed their desire to have Japan at  
12 least strengthen the submarine forces in the Indian  
13 Ocean to a great extent. As a reply to this sort of  
14 proposals I always explained to them assiduously that  
15 the Japanese submarines were being employed for the  
16 most part in operations of main fleet and that in view  
17 of the smallness of their number the dispersion of more  
18 submarines to the Indian theater on the part of Japan  
19 was very difficult.

20 "although I do not know what the German naval  
21 authorities expected of Japan in connection with Hitler's  
22 offer to Ambassador OSHIMA of the donation of two German  
23 submarines to Japan, but from what had been explained to  
24 us, it originated entirely in Hitler's own mind and was  
25 utterly unconditional. In return for this offer no

1 request was made for more intensified submarine war-  
2 fare on the part of Japan. The following are the  
3 Fuhrer's words as told my by Ambassador OSHIMA:  
4 'Lately the German submarines have been strikingly  
5 improved in their maneuverability and especially,  
6 underwater capacity. Hoping the Japanese Navy will  
7 be benefited in her submarine construction, I wish to  
8 donate two of the new German submarines to Japan at  
9 this time.' These words by the Fuhrer were carried  
10 in the Ambassador's telegram addressed to Japan at  
11 that time; and a message from Tokyo in response to  
12 this telegram explicitly stated that Japan would accept  
13 with gratitude this Hitler's offer. Further, in the  
14 telegram I received from Tokyo in those days in con-  
15 nection with the bringing of these submarines to Japan,  
16 no allusion was made to such a subject as the encourage-  
17 ment of the submarine warfare; the naval authorities  
18 in Tokyo simply instructed me by telegram that, as the  
19 primary objective of bringing the German submarines to  
20 Japan lay in the contributory effect of these new sub-  
21 marines upon Japanese submarine-building technique  
22 three German submarine technicians should be brought  
23 to Japan with submarines. In short, as far as the  
24 Japanese Navy and I myself were concerned, it was under-  
25 stood that the submarine offer was made solely along the

1 line of the above mentioned words of Hitler and that  
2 no intensified activities of submarine warfare on our  
3 part was entailed condition in this offer, not to  
4 mention our acceptance of such request.

5 "One of these two submarines was lost on the  
6 way to Japan, and only one safely reached her desti-  
7 nation. However such a difficult problem as the im-  
8 provement of our submarine construction technique  
9 could not be solved in a short period. During the  
10 course of time, on the other hand, an opinion became  
11 prevalent, pressed by the need from the forces on the  
12 front, that this type of submarine was its inferior  
13 underwater speed would not meet our purpose and that  
14 an entirely new idea was instead needed in our sub-  
15 marine construction. Such being the case, these sub-  
16 marines brought about after all no practical benefit  
17 to Japanese submarine operations.

18 "About such a policy as annihilating the  
19 crew-members of enemy vessels sunk by submarines,  
20 nothing was ever suggested to us by the Germans. I  
21 never heard of such a suggestion either from Ambassador  
22 OSHIMA or from anyone else. On the occasion of the  
23 London Disarmament Conference which I attended as a  
24 member of the Japanese delegation, I myself personally  
25 participated in the discussion of the problem of how



1 crew-members should be treated when their ships had  
2 been sunk by a submarine. Accordingly, if I ever had  
3 heard talk of this kind, it would surely have remained  
4 in my memory. I have no memory of such talk. Of  
5 course no telegram was dispatched by me to our author-  
6 ities in Tokyo regarding such subject."

7 Signed: "On this 10 day of April, 1947."

8 You may cross-examine.  
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THE PRESIDENT: Counsel SHIMANOUCI.

MR. SHIMANOUCI: I wish to make direct examination on behalf of the defendant OSHIMA.

DIRECT EXAMINATION (Continued)

BY MR. SHIMANOUCI:

Q Were the negotiations between OSHIMA and Ribbentrop concerning the donation of submarines to Japan from Germany?

A Yes.

Q When did this occur?

A That was in the beginning of March, 1942.

I would like to correct myself. The first part of March, 1943.

THE INTERPRETER: Before that the counsel said "You said 1942."

Q In your affidavit you state that in March, 1943 Hitler offered to donate submarines -- Hitler spoke to OSHIMA and offered a donation of German submarines. What connections were there with Hitler's offer and the negotiations between Ribbentrop and OSHIMA?

A I shall speak from my recollection of that matter.

Ambassador OSHIMA called on Mr. Hitler, and, among other things, during this conversation Hitler made the statement which I have quoted in my affidavit, and

I think the meeting took place in the latter part of

1 February, somewhere around the 26th, 27th, or 28th.

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Q Thank you. This was 1943?

1 A Yes. I heard from Ambassador OSHIMA of the  
2 talk he had had with Hitler, and the Ambassador tele-  
3 graphed the contents of that talk to Tokyo, and at the  
4 end of the telegram there was a request that this mat-  
5 ter also be notified to the Minister of the Navy. I  
6 think it was about four or five days after the telegram  
7 had been sent by the Ambassador to Tokyo, that is to  
8 say, around the 5th or 6th of March, I received a  
9 telegram from the Minister of the Navy. The telegram  
10 said that the Japanese Navy would accept the offer of  
11 Hitler with gratitude and requested that OSHIMA be  
12 asked to convey those thanks to the Fuehrer. And  
13 furthermore, the telegram included instructions to me  
14 to negotiate with the German Naval authorities with  
15 regard to the navigation of the submarines. Accord-  
16 ing to my recollection Hitler was not in Berlin at  
17 that time, and so Ambassador OSHIMA called on the  
18 Foreign Minister, Ribbentrop, and asked him to convey  
19 the thanks of the Japanese Navy to him. According to  
20 my recollection this question arose between Ribbentrop  
21 and OSHIMA for the first time on this occasion.

23 Q Have you ever heard the contents of the nego-  
24 tiations between Ribbentrop and OSHIMA on this matter?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Do you have any recollection of whether in the  
2 negotiations - the conversations - between Ribbentrop and  
3 OSHIMA, anything was said about the annihilation of  
4 the crews of any merchantmen that were sunk?

5 A There was no such talk between them.

6 Q While you were in Germany did you ever hear  
7 that the German Navy had, for example, machine-gunned  
8 the survivors of sunken enemy merchant vessels?

9 A I have no recollection as to ever having  
10 heard of that.

11 Q Were you connected with the navigation of these  
12 two German submarines to Japan?

13 A Yes.

14 Q In what connection?

15 A As I had received instructions to return to  
16 Japan on one of the submarines, I did so.

17 Q Did you sink any enemy merchantmen during the  
18 cruise.

19 A Yes.

20 Q By whom was this submarine commanded, and who  
21 was responsible for the navigation?

22 A The submarine was under the command of German  
23 officers and was operated by German officers and crew.

24 Q Were there any other passengers besides you on  
25 board the submarine?

1           A    I and SUGITA, Commander SUGITA, of the Naval  
2 Medical Corps.

3           Q    After torpedoing this enemy merchantman, what  
4 happened to the survivors?

5           A    Nothing was done.

6           Q    In your affidavit you have testified to German-  
7 Japanese cooperation in the Pacific war. From February  
8 through May of 1941 did OSHIMA discuss with the German  
9 authorities the problem of attacking Singapore or Hong  
10 Kong. Did you hear of this or not? If you know, will  
11 you please so state?

12          A    I have never heard of it.

13          Q    From February through May 1941 did OSHIMA have  
14 further talks regarding attacks on Singapore and Hong  
15 Kong with the Navy Ministry in Tokyo and do you know  
16 whether OSHIMA made such recommendations to the Tokyo  
17 Foreign Office or Naval Ministry?

18          A    I have never heard of it.

19          Q    I should like you to state what the practice  
20 or customs were at that time in the Japanese Embassy  
21 in Berlin. In the event that Ambassador OSHIMA in Berlin  
22 would communicate military matters to Tokyo, such as,  
23 for instance, the attack on Singapore or HongKong, what  
24 procedure did he take with the Ambassador and the Navy?  
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          A    The Ambassador addressed his telegrams to the



1 Foreign Minister, and when anything in his telegrams  
2 involved questions of a military nature he would always  
3 have at the end of his message a request that the matter  
4 be communicated to the Navy Ministry or to the High  
5 Command.

6 Q What method did OSHIMA take with regard to  
7 the Japanese Naval Attache in Berlin, for example, you?

8 A He always showed me any telegrams he had sent  
9 which had included military subjects.

10 Q Then do you say that you have never seen any  
11 telegrams sent by OSHIMA in which he discussed attacks  
12 on Singapore or Hong Kong?

13 A I have no recollection whatsoever of ever hav-  
14 ing seen such a telegram.

15 Q Have you ever heard that the Naval Attache's  
16 office in Berlin had received a copy of such a telegram?

17 A Of course the Naval Attache's office has never  
18 received it.

19 Q Did the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin communi-  
20 cate directly with the Naval Ministry in Tokyo? Was  
21 there any such occasion?

22 A Yes.

23 MR. SHIMANOUCI: You may examine.

24 THE PRESIDENT: What is your Army or Navy rank,  
25 if you have any, or what was it?

1 THE WITNESS: Well, in Berlin I was a Vice-  
2 Admiral.

3 BY MR. SHIMANOUCHI:

4 Q After your return to Japan did you ever become  
5 Naval Minister?

6 A Yes.

7 MR. SHIMANOUCHI: That is all, sir.

8 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner.

9 MR. TAVENNER: If the Tribunal please, I would  
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15 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Roberts.

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17 concerned, it states that all copies of documents were  
18 destroyed in the fire; and so far as these particular  
19 instructions are concerned, we can ask this witness if  
20 he knows they are available. I think that perhaps doing  
21 that may clear up these questions that are referred to.

22 THE PRESIDENT: Ask him. You have permission  
23 to ask.

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23 to ask.

24 MR. ROBERTS: Mr. NOMURA, in your affidavit you  
25 refer to certain instructions handed to you by TOYODA,



1 the Vice-Minister of the Navy, when you departed for  
2 Berlin. Do you know where the original instructions  
3 may have been filed?

4 THE WITNESS: The instruction was not in writ-  
5 ing; it was given to me orally.

6 THE PRESIDENT: Why do you say they were read  
7 to you?

8 MR. ROBERTS: When you say in your affidavit  
9 "they read", do you mean from writing?

10 MR. TAVENNER: If your Honor please, I object  
11 to the leading question.

12 THE PRESIDENT: It is obviously leading. The  
13 objection is upheld.

14 THE PRESIDENT: How do you justify that express-  
15 ion in your affidavit, "they read", if they were not in  
16 writing? The translation may be at fault. We don't  
17 know.

18 THE MONITOR: Mr. President, the Japanese text  
19 does not use the word.

20 MR. ROBERTS: It is a matter of translation,  
21 if the Court please, and this particular phrase should  
22 be referred for review.

23 THE PRESIDENT: My attention is drawn to the  
24 fact that before that he says in his affidavit that the  
25 Minister's instructions were read to him. I think we

1 ought to invoke Major Moore's assistance.

2 MR. ROBERTS: Yes. I ask that that be referred  
3 to Major Moore.

4 THE WITNESS: I stated that I received the  
5 instructions orally. I stated in my affidavit that the  
6 instructions were -- it may have carried a different  
7 meaning, but I used the words that "it was transmitted  
8 to me."

9 THE PRESIDENT: Well, we will leave that for  
10 another time.

11 Cross-examine.  
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13 CROSS-EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. TAVENNER:

15 Q On page 4, Section 2 of your affidavit, you  
16 refer to the general subject of the military agreement,  
17 the military agreement of January 18, 1942. When did  
18 the negotiations for that agreement begin?

19 A I have no definite recollection of date, but  
20 it was one or two days after I received the first report  
21 of the opening of hostilities on the 8th of December that  
22 negotiations were begun, upon receiving a telegram.

23 Q What preliminary talks had been entered into  
24 prior to the breaking out of war, that is, prior to the  
25 attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor?

1. A Before that no telegrams whatsoever were re-  
2 ceived in connection with such a matter as this?

3 Q I did not ask you that. I asked you what  
4 preliminary talks.

5 A There were no preliminary talks.

6 Q From whom did you receive a telegram to start  
7 negotiations for this agreement?

8 A The telegrams were addressed to me, NOMURA,  
9 and Lieutenant-General BANZAI, my Military Attache, from  
10 the Minister of the Navy, the Minister of War, the Chief  
11 of the Army General Staff and Chief of the Navy General  
12 Staff. The instruction was signed jointly by the four  
13 Naval and Army heads.

14 Q What was the date that was received?

15 A I don't remember, but it was one or two days  
16 after the opening of hostilities.

17 Q Was Ambassador OSHIMA consulted in regard to  
18 this matter?

19 Q Other than the fact that Ambassador OSHIMA made  
20 contacts for the opening of the negotiations, he did  
21 nothing, as the negotiations were to be conducted by  
22 me, as Naval Attache, and Lieutenant-General BANZAI,  
23 with the German Military and Naval authorities, as per  
24 instructions in the telegram.

25 Q I believe you stated a few moments ago that



1 Ambassador OSHIMA kept the Navy and Military informed  
2 about matters relating to Navy and Military matters,  
3 and that you saw copies of the telegrams or other  
4 messages relating to such matters at the time they  
5 were sent. Is that true?

6 A Yes, I have seen them.

7 Q Then did you see the telegram from Ambassador  
8 OSHIMA, in which he threatened to resign in the event  
9 his views regarding the proposed military pact in 1939  
10 were not carried out?

11 THE PRESIDENT: We will recess until 1:30.

12 (Whereupon, at 1200, a recess was  
13 taken until 1350, after which the proceed-  
14 ings were resumed as follows:)  
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## AFTERNOON SESSION

The Tribunal met, pursuant to recess, at 1330.

MARSHAL OF THE COURT: The International  
Military Tribunal for the Far East is now resumed.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner.

N A O K U N I N O M U R A, resumed the stand and  
testified through Japanese interpreters as follows:

## CROSS-EXAMINATION

THE INTERPRETER: The last question propounded  
by Mr. Tavenner was not translated into Japanese. It  
will now be given.

THE MONITOR: May we have the English? May  
we have the question by Mr. Tavenner before noon in  
English first?

MR. TAVENNER: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: English reporter.

MR. TAVENNER: I have just taken it from the  
reporter.

(Whereupon, the last question was  
read by the official court reporter as follows:

"Q. Well, did you see the telegram  
from Ambassador OSHIMA in which he threatened  
to resign in the event his views regarding the  
proposed military pact in 1939 were not carried

out?")

1 BY MR. TAVENNER (Continued):

2 Q I realize that you were not in Germany at  
3 that time according to your affidavit but, neverthe-  
4 less, did you know of that telegram?

5 A I have never seen such a telegram.

6 Q Were there occasions when Ambassador OSHIMA  
7 communicated directly with the Naval Chief of Staff  
8 or the Army Chief of Staff?

9 A No.

10 MR. TAVENNER: At this time I think Major  
11 Moore is ready to make a report to the Tribunal.

12 THE PRESIDENT: Major Moore.

13 LANGUAGE ARBITER (Major Moore): If the  
14 Tribunal please, in paragraph 1, line 8, the word  
15 "given" should be substituted for the word "handed."  
16 "Instructions were given to me."

17 The next line, "they read," should be read  
18 "they were."

19 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner.

20 Q Admiral NOMURA, if it is true then that the  
21 instructions were given to you verbally, your recital  
22 of them in the affidavit was purely from memory and  
23 was not a quotation from anything in writing, is that  
24 true?  
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1 A I wrote it from memory.

2 MR. TAVENNER: I will now consider matters  
3 relating to submarine warfare that appears on page  
4 5 of your affidavit.

5 THE PRESIDENT: Did you say, Witness, that  
6 the German submarine that brought you to Japan ter-  
7 pedoed merchant ships on the way out?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, I did.

9 THE PRESIDENT: Whereabouts?

10 THE WITNESS: I think it was about five to  
11 six hundred miles east of Madagascar off the coast  
12 of Africa.

13 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner.

14 Q What was the name of the ship that you  
15 torpedoed?

16 A It was a German submarine, U-71.

17 Q I said, what was the name of the ship which  
18 was torpedoed by the German submarine on which you  
19 were traveling.

20 A I do not remember the name of that ship.

21 Q Were there any survivors?

22 A The survivors had taken three -- were on  
23 three or four lifeboats.

24 Q How many other enemy or neutral ships were  
25 attacked on that voyage?

1           A    There was one night attack carried out in  
2           the Indian Ocean.

3           Q    With what results?

4           A    The result was that the attack was carried  
5           out in pitch dark and following an explosion the ship  
6           sunk. Nothing remained thereafter.

7           Q    So there were two ships sunk as a result of  
8           the attacks by this submarine?

9           A    Yes.

10          Q    What other attacks were made, whether success-  
11          ful or unsuccessful?

12          A    No attacks except in connection with these  
13          two ships; no other attacks were carried out.

14          Q    What was the source of the information that  
15          you received as to the location of the ships attacked?

16          A    From what I heard it was just accidentally  
17          meeting with these ships during the trip, the voyage.

18          Q    Were you in contact with Japanese submarines  
19          in the Indian Ocean on this voyage?

20          A    There was absolutely no contact.

21          Q    What uniform were you wearing at the time?

22          A    I was only a passenger wearing a civilian suit.

23          Q    How many technical men of the German navy were  
24          on board this ship for service in Japan?

25          A    There were three. They were not naval

1 technical men.

2 Q Did the crew of the submarine remain in Japan?

3 A Yes, they remained for some time but some of  
4 them returned to Germany little by little while others  
5 went to work under German attaches in the South.

6 Q Tell us about the second submarine which  
7 was given by Hitler to Japan.

8 A With regard to the second submarine the  
9 Japanese side received from Germany, the crew for  
10 receipt of the ship, but the ship was sunk while en  
11 route from Germany to Japan.

12 MR. TAVENNER: I could not understand the  
13 answer. Would you read it again?

14 (Whereupon, the last answer was  
15 read by the official court reporter.)

16 THE INTERPRETER: Correction: With regard  
17 to the second submarine, Japan sent a crew to take  
18 over the submarine but the submarine was sunk while  
19 en route from Germany to Japan.

20 Q What size crew did Japan send to Germany?

21 A I do not remember exactly but I think it was  
22 around thirty men.

23 Q And did they train in Germany regarding the  
24 secrets of submarine warfare before attempting to bring  
25 back the submarine?



1           A    They were not trained in any secrets of  
2 submarine warfare. They were merely trained for a number  
3 of days on how to operate the submarine.

4           Q    I will ask if you made a careful inspection  
5 of the submarine nests along the Belgium coasts and  
6 elsewhere?

7           A    I was shown some submarine bases, fortifica-  
8 tions and air bases.

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1 Q Did you board a submarine prior to -- a  
2 German submarine prior to your trip to Japan?

3 A No.

4 Q What was the nationality of the ship which  
5 was sunk on your trip to Japan?

6 A I think it was American if I am not mistaken.

7 Q On page 5 of your affidavit you show that a  
8 German request for strengthening of submarine warfare  
9 in the Indian Ocean was made. Is it not true that the  
10 Japanese Navy sent Japanese U-boats into the Indian  
11 Ocean to prey upon Allied commerce?

12 A Germany frequently expressed the desire that  
13 the Japanese increase its personnel, give more impor-  
14 tance to actions in the Indian Ocean, and for that  
15 purpose reinforce its personnel.

16 Q At the time was Japan engaged in submarine  
17 warfare in the Indian Ocean?

18 A Up to the time I returned, only two converted  
19 cruisers and four or five submarines were active in  
20 that area.

21 Q When did the four or five submarines become  
22 active in that area?

23 A According to my recollection from about May 1942.

24 Q Was the number of the U-boats increased just  
25 prior to your return to Japan?

A Do you mean Japanese submarines?

Q Yes.

1 A Japanese submarines were not increased  
2 over that number.

3 Q That was not my question. You stated that  
4 four or five submarines had been assigned to the  
5 Indian Ocean from May 1942. I asked you if any  
6 additional number were sent to the Indian Ocean just  
7 prior to your return?

8 A There were constantly about four or five  
9 submarines assigned to that area and they were  
10 replaced frequently. I don't know which ships were  
11 replaced when, and, therefore, I do not know.

12 Q I am not speaking of the replacement of ships.  
13 Were any additional number assigned to the Indian  
14 Ocean in response to German demands and your own  
15 estimate of the needs of the situation?

16 A No increase was made over and above the four  
17 or five submarines I mentioned.

18 Q In April of 1943, was not the policy of the  
19 Japanese Navy changed with regard to the use of sub-  
20 marines in attack upon enemy shipping or tonnage?

21 A I do not know, because I have never received  
22 any telegrams to the effect that there was any  
23 change of policy in the employment of Japanese sub-  
24 marines.  
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Q Let me see if I can refresh your recollection.



1 Do you recall a conversation in Germany on the 18th  
2 of April, 1943, with the Reich Foreign Minister at  
3 the time you told him good-bye?

4 A Do you mean when I was to return to Japan  
5 on the submarine?

6 Q Yes, just prior to that.

7 A Yes, I met him prior to my departure.

8 Q Do you recall that Ribbentrop explained to  
9 you at the time the views of the Fuehrer regarding  
10 big battleships and their vulnerability, and that a  
11 big U-boat arm was the best protection for Japan and  
12 the surest means of winning the war quickly, to which  
13 you replied that it was just this change of policy  
14 which was needed by the Japanese Navy which up to  
15 now had concentrated only on sinking as many enemy  
16 battleships as possible? Do you recall that?

17 A While in Berlin, I, as a Japanese admiral,  
18 had always been concerned with comparison in the  
19 naval war strength between ourselves and the opposition.  
20 That has been the old tradition in the Japanese Navy.  
21 And I recall as having said frequently that it was  
22 the mission of the submarine, the purpose of the sub-  
23 marine, to attack and sink battleships, or as many  
24 battleships as possible.  
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Q On the contrary, did you not on this occasion

1 say that now the Japanese Navy will order all fighting  
2 forces, cruisers, torpedo-carrying aircraft, and the  
3 U-boat arm to wipe out the enemy tonnage?

4 A I have no recollection as ever having said  
5 that.

6 Q And didn't you also say that it was your  
7 conviction that tonnage war was the most important,  
8 and that the Americans had first of all to send their  
9 troops all over the seas of the world in order to  
10 be able to use them in battle anywhere; this was  
11 Germany's and Japan's great advantage?

12 A It has always been the conviction of the  
13 Japanese Navy that victory or defeat was to be deter-  
14 mined by a battle between fleets. However, I have  
15 never overlooked the importance of tonnage warfare  
16 during the last war.

17 Q And did you not state in this connection,  
18 in reference to the Japanese Navy, that "they have  
19 already sunk over 100,000 tons in half a month;  
20 recently a number of U-boats again left for opera-  
21 tions outside the Persian Gulf"?

22 A At that time I did not receive any clear or  
23 definite reports from Tokyo with respect to the  
24 tonnage sunk by Japanese, but I heard from the radio  
25 and from the commander of a Japanese submarine which

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1 visited Germany about that time as to the approxi-  
2 mate amount of tonnage sunk by the Japanese. I may  
3 have referred to the question of tonnage, but I do not  
4 have any recollection of having stated anything to  
5 the effect of many Japanese submarines being sent to  
6 the Persian Gulf.

7 Q And is it not a fact that a huge plan had  
8 been evolved to carry on extensive submarine warfare  
9 in the Indian Ocean on the part of Japanese submarines?

10 A With reference to the frequent expression of  
11 desires from the German side to intensify their activi-  
12 ties and to reinforce their activities in the Indian  
13 Ocean, I recall that toward the end of 1942, in November  
14 if I recall correctly, a telegram was received by me from  
15 Tokyo that it was the intention of Japan to do what-  
16 ever was possible to reinforce its personnel in the  
17 Indian Ocean area.

18 Q Did you discuss that matter with Admiral  
19 Fricke and General Jodl of the German Naval Command?

20 A No, I did not have any conference or talk with  
21 them. I merely transmitted the message that was re-  
22 ceived from Tokyo to these two men.

23 Q On the occasion of your departure did you  
24 thank Ribbentrop for the deep understanding and con-  
25 stant assistance which he had given the Japanese



1       naval questions?

2           A    Yes, I expressed thanks for the offer of these  
3       two submarines.

4           Q    Was Ambassador OSHIMA present during your  
5       conference with Ribbentrop?

6           A    In my recollection, Ambassador OSHIMA was  
7       not present on that occasion.

8           MR. TAVENNER: Will you repeat that answer?

9           THE PRESIDENT: He does not recollect OSHIMA  
10      being present.

11          MR. TAVENNER: That is all, if the Tribunal  
12      please.

13          THE PRESIDENT: Counsel SAMMONJI.

14          MR. SHIMANOUCI: I am SHIMANOUCI.

15                   REDIRECT EXAMINATION

16      BY MR. SHIMANOUCI:

17           Q    During the cross-examination by Mr. Prosecutor,  
18      referring to the question of the military alliance be-  
19      tween Japan and Germany after the outbreak of the  
20      Japanese-American war, Mr. Witness, you stated that  
21      you asked Ambassador OSHIMA to contact the German  
22      authorities concerning this matter -- German military  
23      authorities. Why did you request OSHIMA to contact the  
24      German authorities when you, NOMURA, and BANZAI had  
25      your instructions from the army and navy?

1           A    Inasmuch as I, NOMURA, and BANZAI got  
2 direct instructions from our authorities in Tokyo,  
3 we thought of opening negotiations with the German  
4 military authorities in accordance with our instruc-  
5 tions. However, so far as the German side was con-  
6 cerned, it was desired by them and it was a custom  
7 for all matters relative to diplomacy to be con-  
8 ducted through the Japanese Ambassador -- through  
9 the German Foreign Ministry. Upon receipt of our  
10 telegraphic instructions we reported the matter to  
11 Ambassador OSHIMA and asked him to see the Foreign  
12 Ministry officials to make arrangements so that we  
13 may commence with the negotiations.

14           Q    In effect, do you mean to say that because  
15 of the German system unless it was done through  
16 Ambassador OSHIMA you could not contact the German  
17 authorities, and that is why you asked Ambassador  
18 OSHIMA? Is that what you said, is that what you meant?  
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20           A    We thought that was the proper respect to  
21 pay to the foreign country to which you were assigned.

22           MR. SHIMANOUCI: This concludes my redirect  
23 examination, but there are two points on which I wish  
24 to call the Court's attention. The points I raise  
25 concern translation.

          I asked the witness whether the German

1 submarine on which he was aboard sunk any ships,  
2 any merchant ships, to which the witness answered  
3 "yes." After the noon recess my attention was  
4 called to the fact that the translation of this  
5 question and answer was given as follows: That I  
6 had asked the witness whether the German submarine  
7 on which he was aboard had sunk merchant vessels and  
8 had killed the survivors, to which the answer was  
9 given as yes. If it was so translated then the  
10 translation was an error.

11 Another point I wish to raise is that  
12 during my direct examination the witness said that  
13 OSHIMA had been in direct communication with the  
14 Japanese Navy, but OSHIMA has informed me that that  
15 was in a sense a misunderstanding on the part of the  
16 witness.

17 THE PRESIDENT: You cannot do that here.

18 Mr. Tavenner.

19 MR. TAVENNER: Objection, if the Tribunal  
20 please.

21 THE PRESIDENT: Objection upheld.

22 The other matter will be referred to the  
23 translation section.

24 MR. TAVENNER: If the Tribunal please, I  
25 omitted to ask one question I intended to ask. May I



1 76 so?

2 THE PRESIDENT: Subject to further re-  
3 examination, yet.

4 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. TAVENNER:

6 Q Admiral NOMURA, were you decorated by  
7 Hitler?

8 MR. ROBERTS: I object, if your Honor  
9 please. It is immaterial and irrelevant. This man is  
10 not on trial here.

11 THE PRESIDENT: It goes to possible bias.  
12 The objection is overruled.

13 Answer the question, Witness. Please answer it.

14 A Yes.

15 Q Was it in connection with your trip across  
16 the Indian Ocean in the submarine?

17 A I received the decoration without any reason  
18 or explanation thereof.

19 MR. TAVENNER: That is all.  
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4 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. TAVENNER:

6 Q Admiral NOMURA, were you decorated by  
7 Hitler?

8 MR. ROBERTS: I object, if your Honor  
9 please. It is immaterial and irrelevant. This man is  
10 not on trial here.

11 THE PRESIDENT: It goes to possible bias.  
12 The objection is overruled.

13 Answer the question, Witness. Please answer it.

14 A Yes.

15 Q Was it in connection with your trip across  
16 the Indian Ocean in the submarine?

17 A I received the decoration without any reason  
18 or explanation thereof.

19 MR. TAVENNER: That is all.  
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1 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. SHIMANOUCHI.

2 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

3 MR. SHIMANOUCHI: The answer given to me  
4 and the answer given to Mr. Tavenner to the same  
5 question was different. To me the witness replied  
6 that Ambassador OSHIMA had communicated directly  
7 with the Navy Minister. To Mr. Tavenner the wit-  
8 ness' reply was "No."

9 THE PRESIDENT: You cannot correct him.

10 MR. SHIMANOUCHI: Thank you.

11 THE PRESIDENT: It only goes to his  
12 credibility.

13 BY MR. SHIMANOUCHI: therefore is irrelevant and

14 Q Which is correct? Even if that were not

15 A The Ambassador has never directly tele-  
16 graphed any messages to the War Minister or the Navy  
17 Minister. If I said "Yes" to the question put to  
18 me by Counsel SHIMANOUCHI, that was a misapprehension  
19 on my part. I said "Yes" because I was under the  
20 impression that the question was, "Did you, NOMURA,  
21 communicate directly with the Navy Minister?"

22 MR. SHIMANOUCHI: Thank you.

23 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Roberts.

24 MR. ROBERTS: May the witness be excused on  
25 the usual terms?



1 THE PRESIDENT: He is excused on the usual  
2 terms.

3 (Whereupon, the witness was excused.)

4 MR. ROBERTS: At this time we offer in  
5 evidence defense document No. 2115, which is for the  
6 purpose of producing a statement from the Nuremberg  
7 decision which we have been unable to obtain other-  
8 wise.

9 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner.

10 MR. TAVENNER: If the Tribunal please,  
11 objection is made to the introduction of this docu-  
12 ment because it is not responsive to any charge in  
13 the Indictment, and therefore is irrelevant and  
14 immaterial to any issues. Even if that were not  
15 true, we take it this would not be a proper manner  
16 or method of introduction of it.

17 THE PRESIDENT: That is a decision on the  
18 facts before that particular court.

19 MR. ROBERTS: Yes.

20 THE PRESIDENT: Where the parties were  
21 different and the issues were different, and it cer-  
22 tainly cannot be received here. The judgment of the  
23 Nuremberg Court on the law will be received with the  
24 greatest respect and given all the weight that is  
25 due it, but their findings of fact on evidence not

1 before us and on issues not before us, is beside  
2 the point.

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4 the statement in this excerpt concerning proof sub-  
5 mitted by Admiral Nimitz about the unrestricted  
6 warfare.

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10 MR. TAVENNER: May I be permitted to inter-  
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12 THE PRESIDENT: Not until Mr. Roberts has  
13 finished.

14 MR. ROBERTS: As to the relevancy, there is  
15 a charge that the Japanese Navy carried on its un-  
16 restricted warfare in destroying survivors of ships  
17 that were sunk by submarine, and we have attempted  
18 to secure this information directly from Admiral  
19 Nimitz as it was secured for use in Nuremberg, but  
20 in my trip to Washington several weeks ago I was  
21 unable to directly contact Admiral Nimitz for that  
22 purpose. I also inquired at the Navy Department at  
23 Washington and requested a copy of the interrogatories  
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22 purpose. I also inquired at the Navy Department at  
23 Washington and requested a copy of the interrogatories  
24 referred to here, and was informed that the Navy  
25 Department had no copies of those interrogatories.



1 THE PRESIDENT: Even so, it appears to have  
2 been used only by way of mitigation of a sentence on  
3 a German admiral, not on any issue of guilt or  
4 innocence.

5 MR. ROBERTS: In any case, we would like  
6 this Court to take judicial notice of that decision  
7 and that this fact was an admitted and proven fact  
8 as part of that decision -- that the United States  
9 carried on unrestricted warfare in the Pacific Ocean.  
10 It may be used by us in exactly the same manner,  
11 in mitigation.

12 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner, I understand  
13 you want to be heard.

14 MR. TAVENNER: Unrestricted warfare, if the  
15 Tribunal please, as used in this document, is cer-  
16 tainly a different matter from any charge in this  
17 indictment.

18 THE PRESIDENT: We would have to see the  
19 answers to understand what the Admiral meant.

20 MR. TAVENNER: But I felt I could not let  
21 that statement go unchallenged.

22 MR. ROBERTS: We refer the Court to page  
23 140 of the judgment of the Court in Nuremberg for  
24 the statement that I just quoted.

25 THE PRESIDENT: The objection is sustained.

1 and the document rejected, but it is open to you to  
2 prove in the proper way, so far as relevant and  
3 material, the nature of the submarine warfare, if  
4 any, conducted by the American Navy in the Pacific.

5 MR. ROBERTS: We next offer in evidence  
6 defense document No. 1942, being an order from the  
7 Chief of the Navy General Staff.

8 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner.

9 MR. TAVENNER: If the Tribunal please --

10 THE PRESIDENT: We have not seen this  
11 document. I should like the Judges to see it be-  
12 fore we hear any argument about it.

13 MR. TAVENNER: If the Tribunal please, my  
14 associate, Mr. Carr, raised to some considerable  
15 length yesterday the question of the abuse of the  
16 rules of the Tribunal with regard to compliance with  
17 Rule 6-b(1) and requested the production of certain  
18 documents that he was then concerned with.

19 This is an identical situation in which  
20 no effort has been made to comply with the rule of  
21 the Tribunal. This appears to consist of a copy of  
22 three pages from some document in the second  
23 demobilization section with no opportunity having  
24 been given to examine the document as a whole for  
25 the purpose of determining what the attached

1 directive may be that is mentioned at the end of the  
2 document, or what directive Nos. 14, 15 and 28 may  
3 refer to. It is an excerpt which we feel should be  
4 checked, and we view somewhat with alarm the number  
5 of documents that are being presented and in which  
6 in many instances we waived the rule.

7 THE PRESIDENT: I notice this is dated  
8 the 1st of March 1942. I do not recollect any  
9 evidence of the prosecution directed to the un-  
10 restricted submarine warfare as of that date, or  
11 earlier.

12 MR. TAVENNER: This document was served  
13 only yesterday, during the course of the work here,  
14 and frankly, I had not considered the document very  
15 fully on its merits in view of the fact that the  
16 rule had not been complied with.

17 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Roberts, do you admit  
18 the rules have not been complied with?

19 MR. ROBERTS: There is a certificate at-  
20 tached as to the authenticity of the document, as  
21 being from the official document entrusted to the  
22 Japanese Government.

23 As to the time element in filing it, I  
24 admit we were late in filing it, but some of these  
25 documents we have had difficulty in getting hold of



1 until almost the last moment.

2 THE PRESIDENT: In view of the attitude  
3 of the prosecution -- they say they have not had time  
4 to examine the document -- the rule must be complied  
5 with, and the document will not be received until it  
6 has been.

7 MR. ROBERTS: We will be glad to hold it  
8 until it has been.

9 THE PRESIDENT: We will recess for fifteen  
10 minutes.

11 (Whereupon, at 1445 a recess was  
12 taken until 1500, after which the proceed-  
13 ings were resumed as follows:)  
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1 MARSHAL OF THE COURT: The International  
2 Military Tribunal for the Far East is now resumed.

3 THE PRESIDENT: With the Tribunal's permission  
4 the accused SHIGEMITSU has been absent from the court-  
5 room all day conferring with his counsel.

6 Mr. Brannon.

7 MR. BRANNON: Prosecution exhibits 913, 916,  
8 917 and 918 are called to the attention of the Tribunal  
9 for the purpose of showing the source of the Japanese  
10 information found in defense documents 1572 and 1573  
11 soon to be presented.

12 THE PRESIDENT: What are you on now, Japanese  
13 naval preparations?

14 MR. BRANNON: Yes.

15 The Tribunal will observe that they are the  
16 statistics on Japanese ships.

17 We offer in evidence defense document 1596  
18 which is information concerning vessels constructed and  
19 under construction by the United States Navy Department  
20 as of December 7, 1941 and is the basis of American  
21 figures shown in defense documents 1572 and 1573. In  
22 conjunction we offer defense document 1597 which is a  
23 correction of an error in addition and is not in and of  
24 itself important.  
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CAPTAIN ROBINSON: May it please the Court,

1 the prosecution has no objection to the admission  
2 of any of these documents in evidence.

3 THE PRESIDENT: Admitted on the usual terms.

4 CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 1596  
5 will receive exhibit No. 3001.

6 (Whereupon, the document above re-  
7 ferred to was marked defense exhibit No.  
8 3001 and received in evidence.)

9 MR. BRANNON: Our next witness is the man who  
10 constructed the charts which are soon to be introduced,  
11 defense documents 1572 and 1573.

12 CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 1597 will  
13 receive exhibit No. 3002.

14 (Whereupon, the document above  
15 referred to was marked defense exhibit  
16 No. 3002 and received in evidence.)

17 MR. BRANNON: For the purpose of informing  
18 this Tribunal of the authenticity of basic figures used  
19 in compiling this chart I wish to read page 1 of docu-  
20 ment 1596, exhibit No. 3001.

21 "NAVY DEPARTMENT

22 "BUREAU OF SHIPS

23 "WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

24 "The information concerning vessels constructed  
25 or under construction by the United States Navy Department



1 as of 7 December 1941, and other information dated  
2 23 January 1947 and bearing the symbols (NAVSHIPS (1851)  
3 consisting of 11 pages hereby attached and made a part  
4 hereof was prepared by Albert B. Ray who being duly  
5 sworn did depose and say that he is the Production  
6 Analyst in charge of the Ships Statistics Section of the  
7 Bureau of Ships of the Navy Department; and, as such  
8 Production Analyst, he has access to the official  
9 records of the Navy Department with respect to the  
10 matters herein considered; that the information con-  
11 tained herein was taken by him from such official  
12 records as a part of his normal and regular duties;  
13 that the information contained herein and taken from  
14 such official records was accurately and correctly  
15 transcribed."

16 Following is the oath.

17 We call as our next witness Hidemi YOSHIDA.  
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1 H I D E M I Y O S H I D A, recalled as a witness  
2 on behalf of the defense, having previously  
3 been sworn, testified through Japanese inter-  
4 preters as follows:

5 THE PRESIDENT: You are still on oath, witness.

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. BRANNON:

8 Q Will you state your name, please?

9 A YOSHIDA, Hidemi.

10 MR. BRANNON: Will the witness be handed  
11 defense document 2085.

12 (Whereupon, a document was handed to  
13 the witness.)

14 Q Are the facts therein contained true and correct?

15 A Yes.

16 MR. BRANNON: I offer in evidence defense  
17 document 2085, the affidavit of Hidemi YOSHIDA.

18 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: May it please the Court --

19 THE PRESIDENT: Captain Robinson.

20 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: Mr. President and Members  
21 of the Tribunal, the prosecution has no objection to  
22 the admission in evidence of this document, excepting  
23 the last paragraph. This paragraph, number five, is  
24 objectionable because it is a mere statement of the  
25 witness' personal opinions and self-serving assumptions.

1 It states no facts and presents only incompetent  
2 conclusions which invade the province of this Tribunal.  
3 For that reason it is objectionable.

4 MR. BRANNON: We deem it to be most vital  
5 to show that the Japanese Navy, through its appropriate  
6 offices, anticipated the naval strength of America  
7 and that their anticipation was correct. Otherwise,  
8 I might myself doubt the relevancy of the testimony.  
9 We are speaking of Japanese naval preparations for war  
10 and why they prepared for war.

11 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: I call the Court's attention  
12 particularly to the last sentence which shows -- which  
13 is obviously improper.

14 THE PRESIDENT: I think that it is only the last  
15 sentence you can really object to, Captain Robinson.

16 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

17 MR. BRANNON: The entire last sentence, Mr.  
18 President, ending with the words "were well grounded"?

19 THE PRESIDENT: He is telling us what conclusion  
20 they actually drew in the first sentence. The con-  
21 clusions he draws here are different matters altogether.

22 MR. BRANNON: I have no objection to omitting  
23 that.

24 THE PRESIDENT: The objection is sustained as  
25 to the extent of the last sentence of the affidavit only.



1 The balance is admitted on the usual terms.

2 CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 2085  
3 will receive exhibit No. 3003.

4 (Whereupon, the document above  
5 referred to was marked defense exhibit  
6 No. 3003 and received in evidence.)  
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1 MR. BRANNON: I proceed to read the affidavit:

2 "I, Hidemi YOSHIDA, having first been duly  
3 sworn, do depose and say.

4 "1. I served as a member of the staff of  
5 the Research Division of the Second Demobilization  
6 Bureau, the Demobilization Board, from June 1946 to  
7 May 1947. On the latter date I became Chief of the  
8 said Division, and am still serving in that capacity  
9 today. My work has been concerned principally with  
10 preparation and correlation of information and data  
11 to be submitted in compliance with demands from  
12 General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied  
13 Powers.

14 "Since spring of last year I have prepared  
15 many reports of various kinds pertaining to the arma-  
16 ments of the former Japanese Navy upon demand of GHQ  
17 and the International Prosecution Section of the  
18 International Military Tribunal for the Far East.  
19 And I understand that a few of them -- tables showing  
20 the vessels of the former Japanese Navy -- have been  
21 exhibited in this Court.

22 "2. In April of this year, the Defense  
23 Section of the International Military Tribunal for the  
24 Far East handed me a copy of an official document of  
25 the United States Navy Department pertaining to the

1 vessels of the United States Navy, with the request  
2 that I prepare a comparative table of the vessels  
3 that the United States and Japanese Navies had already  
4 completed and had under construction as of 7 December  
5 1941.

6 "Since our data on the United States Navy  
7 had hitherto been largely a matter of inference and  
8 deduction I experienced no small pleasure in thus  
9 receiving for the first time such data of an official  
10 character. In addition to the fact of the work of  
11 making accurate comparative tables of the navies of  
12 the two countries being a matter of personal interest  
13 to me, I could see no good reason for refusing to  
14 comply with the request of the Defense Section. I  
15 therefore accepted the assignment gladly and addressed  
16 myself with the utmost care to the preparation of the  
17 comparative tables in two sheets and handed them to  
18 the Defense Section upon completion. These are  
19 defense documents No. 1572 and No. 1573."

20 I offer in evidence defense document --

21 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: Mr. President --

22 THE PRESIDENT: Captain Robinson.

23 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: Mr. President and Members  
24 of the Tribunal, the prosecution objects to the final  
25 admission in evidence of these documents at this time.



1 It is respectfully suggested that the documents be  
2 tendered at this time for identification only, subject  
3 to final admission or rejection after cross-examination  
4 of Mr. YOSHIDA.

5 THE PRESIDENT: Well, Captain Robinson, that  
6 may be the procedure in your State, but it is abso-  
7 lutely new to me. You wish to test the qualifications  
8 of the witness by some examination, preliminary exam-  
9 ination?

10 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: No, sir. The purpose is  
11 to show that the certificate attached is not accurate  
12 and that the documents do not properly show the figures  
13 that they are supposed to indicate.

14 THE PRESIDENT: Well, the documents will be  
15 admitted on the usual terms in the first case, but  
16 you may be able to show by cross-examination that the  
17 figures are inaccurate.

18 CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 1572  
19 will receive exhibit No. 3003-A, and defense document  
20 1573 will receive exhibit No. 3003-B.

21 (Whereupon, the documents above  
22 referred to were marked defense exhibit  
23 Nos. 3003-A and 3003-B, respectively, and  
24 received in evidence.)  
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THE PRESIDENT: Proceed.

1 MR. BRANNON: I proceed to read the affidavit:

2 "One difficulty encountered in this work was  
3 the fact that the two navies employed different sys-  
4 tems in the classification of their ships. Adjust-  
5 ments to overcome this difficulty were made in the  
6 following manner:

7 "(a) Vessels of the United States Navy  
8 listed as CV (aircraft carrier), CVL (carrier convert-  
9 ed from cruiser) and CVE (escort carrier), as well as  
10 vessels of the former Japanese Navy listed as air-  
11 craft carrier and converted aircraft carrier (con-  
12 verted from merchant ship) have all been grouped to-  
13 gether under the single category of aircraft carriers.  
14 I adopted this method of adjustment because of my be-  
15 lief that it would only serve to confuse understand-  
16 ing if these various classes of vessels were to be  
17 treated separately, whether from the standpoint of  
18 their capacity or the purposes for which they were  
19 intended; and also because the definition of air-  
20 craft carrier laid down by the London Naval Conference  
21 of 1930 being -- 'The expression "aircraft carrier" in-  
22 cludes any vessel of war, whatever its displacement,  
23 designed for the specific and exclusive purpose of  
24 carrying aircraft and so constructed that aircraft  
25 can be launched therefrom and landed thereon' -- it

1 seemed the safest method to be guided by that defi-  
2 nition.

3           "(b) The United States Navy's CB (large  
4 cruiser) was included under heavy cruisers, while  
5 Japan's training cruisers were included under light  
6 cruisers.

7           "(c) The United States Navy's DD (destroyer),  
8 DE (escort destroyer) and BDE (definition unknown to  
9 me) are all treated as destroyers.

10           "(d) Construction of Japan's capital ship  
11 SHINANO, along with another ship of the same type, was  
12 commenced in April, 1940. But work on both was sus-  
13 pended very shortly after their keels were laid, the  
14 unnamed ship being dismantled, but the SHINANO being  
15 left untouched on the dock with no plan for proceeding  
16 with its construction until June 1942, when work was  
17 commenced to build it into an aircraft carrier in  
18 order to replace the carriers lost in the Battle of  
19 Midway.

20           "For the above reason, the SHINANO is not in-  
21 cluded in the table of ships under construction, either  
22 as a capital ship or an aircraft carrier. Instead, I  
23 have merely made an annotation at the bottom of the  
24 table to the effect that there was one capital ship on  
25 which work was suspended shortly after the keel was laid.



1 "5. In carrying out this request made to  
2 me by the Defense Section, I made one significant dis-  
3 covery. That was the fact that the estimate which our  
4 Naval General Staff had made of the United States  
5 Navy's strength by the process of inference and de-  
6 duction was a strikingly close approximation of the  
7 actual strength as shown by the official document  
8 handed to me by the Defense Section; and that, if  
9 anything, our estimate was somewhat lower than the  
10 actual figures."

11 You may cross.

12 THE PRESIDENT: Captain Robinson.

13 CROSS-EXAMINATION

14 BY CAPTAIN ROBINSON:

15 Q Directing your attention, Mr. YOSHIDA, to  
16 defense document 1573, exhibit No. 3003-B, the table  
17 entitled "Comparative Table of Naval Vessels Under  
18 Construction Between the U. S. A. and Japan, as of  
19 December 7, 1941," at the second item from the top, in  
20 the left-hand column, namely, "Aircraft Carriers," will  
21 you tell this Tribunal how you arrived at the figures  
22 which you have stated there?

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24 A May I reply while referring to this chart  
25 which was made by me?

Q Just answer the question please.

1       A    Involving statistics as it does, I would not  
2 be able to reply correctly unless I refer to the  
3 chart.

4       THE PRESIDENT: You made the chart. Where  
5 did you get the material in the chart?

6       THE WITNESS: Are you referring, Sir, to the  
7 American sources or the Japanese sources?

8       Q    I am referring to both.

9       A    Then, let me reply first with respect to the  
10 Japanese materials. All the data I had in my posses-  
11 sion in my office had been lost, so I secured author-  
12 itative data in the possession of the Naval Construc-  
13 tion Headquarters, and in drawing up this chart I  
14 used the identical data which I prepared and gave to  
15 you, Captain Robinson.  
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1 Q Mr. Witness, the Japanese figures are based  
2 upon exhibit 918 as prepared by you?

3 A Yes.

4 Q My question is: And refer to exhibit 918  
5 and indicate to this Tribunal how you arrived at the  
6 total four aircraft carriers, with the number of tons  
7 accompanying.

8 A May I refer to the document which I presented  
9 to you, Captain Robinson? because it involves type of  
10 craft and tonnage.

11 Q Certainly. I am referring to exhibit 918,  
12 which is an exhibit in court. Refer to that.

13 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Brannon.

14 MR. BRANNON: We ask that the witness be  
15 given all the charts so that he may refer to them  
16 from the box.

17 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: Certainly.

18 THE PRESIDENT: He can have any exhibit he  
19 wants.

20 A Then, I shall give the type and tonnage of  
21 naval vessels under construction.

22 SHOHO, 9,500 tons; JUNYO, 19,000; HIYO, 19,000  
23 tons; TAIHO, 30,360 tons. That totals four aircraft  
24 carriers -- four crafts.

25 Q Now, Mr. Witness, refer to court exhibit 918.

Why do you omit the carrier UNYO from this total of



four as contained in this exhibit?

A The UNYO was a merchant vessel by the name of YAWATA MARU and was not constructed until January, 1941, and therefore was considered improper to include among aircraft carriers.

Q In the American figures, however, you did include converted carriers, did you not?

A Yes.

Q Why do you include certain figures against the American totals and do not include them against the Japanese totals?

A What is set forth in this comparative table are the figures as of December 7, 1941. The conversion of the UNYO did not commence until January, 1942 and therefore it is only natural not to include this ship among naval vessels under construction.

THE PRESIDENT: That is correct as far as exhibit 918 shows, but that is not an answer to the question.

Q Referring to exhibit 3,001 --

A I don't have any other reply to that question.

THE PRESIDENT: You were asked about American converted aircraft carriers.

THE WITNESS: Next I shall explain how I drew up the figures on the United States naval vessels.

1 I was able to arrive at those totals by the  
2 materials on the United States Navy borrowed from  
3 defense counsel. I am not familiar with the ques-  
4 tion of conversion and the condition of the merchant  
5 fleet. I merely added up the figures by taking what  
6 was in the United States data, giving naval construc-  
7 tion as of December 7, 1941, for instance, with refer-  
8 ence to escort carriers, and took those figures.

9 THE INTERPRETER: Correction on escort car-  
10 riers; converted carriers.

11 Q All right, where are those figures which you  
12 took?

13 A I have a copy of the material which was loaned  
14 to me by the defense. I think if this is seen, the  
15 question would be understood.

16 Q I understand, Mr. Witness, that your figures  
17 here are based on the exhibit already introduced into  
18 evidence, exhibit 3,001. I want you to refer to that  
19 exhibit and tell us where your figures came from.

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21 THE PRESIDENT: Probably he means defense  
22 counsel gave him copies of the prosecution exhibits;  
23 but he should look at the exhibits in court.

24 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: If the Court please, there  
25 is no prosecution exhibit on that subject, on conver-  
ted carriers.

1 THE PRESIDENT: Then, defense counsel could  
2 not supply him with the materials that we would take  
3 any notice of. They are not a source of naval infor-  
4 mation.

5 THE INTERPRETER: The witness replied: "I  
6 am prepared to answer."

7 THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Brannon, you might clear  
8 it up.

9 MR. BRANNON: Yes.. The witness used exhibit  
10 3,001 and 3,002 as a basis of his American figures  
11 given to him by me and which has been read in part by  
12 me today.

13 THE PRESIDENT: And that came from "Washington?"

14 MR. BRANNON: That came from Washington. Then,  
15 as a basis for the Japanese figures, as I said before,  
16 he used prosecution exhibits.

17 THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

18 Q Will you go ahead with your answer?

19 A Then, may I quote from the official document  
20 concerning the United States Navy, which I borrowed  
21 from the defense?

22 Q Is that exhibit 3,001?

23 A Will you give me a clear direction? I seem  
24 to confuse the name of the document and the exhibit  
25 number.



1     ted to this exhibit 3,001 from Washington and not  
2     to the witness, because the Washington document con-  
3     firms exhibit 3,003-B.

4             THE INTERPRETER: The witness said: "May I  
5     reply?"

6             Q     Go ahead.

7             A     I cannot reply any more than by saying that I  
8     took out of the United States official documents the  
9     number of ships, 22, total tonnage 442,300, as it was  
10    contained in the documents.

11            Q     Mr. Witness, directing your attention to ex-  
12    hibit 3,001, at pages 4 and 5, will you please name  
13    the carriers there which you have taken to enter as a  
14    total of 22 in exhibit 3,003-B?

15            THE PRESIDENT: As a matter of fact, there  
16    are twenty-four in that list, aren't there?

17            CAPTAIN ROBINSON: Not that come within this  
18    description, I believe, your Honor.

19            THE PRESIDENT: Captain Robinson, it may be  
20    that if you have time to compare these documents you  
21    will come to the conclusion that there is very little  
22    wrong with them. It so far appears that as regards  
23    American ships, this man is going on a document from  
24    Washington.  
25

            CAPTAIN ROBINSON: If the Court please, I

1 have compared these charts which he has prepared very  
2 carefully and his figures are not supported by the  
3 Washington documents.

4 THE PRESIDENT: This will be a painfully slow  
5 way of correcting his figures. Maybe you should simp-  
6 ly intimate that you challenge their accuracy and  
7 give evidence in rebuttal on this. You will be giving  
8 evidence in rebuttal in other matters.

9 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: That is true, if the  
10 Court please, except where necessary to show what  
11 figures the witness used as a basis for comparison,  
12 and frankly, after many hours of study of his charts  
13 I can't find where his figures came from.

14 THE PRESIDENT: The defense say they came from  
15 prosecution exhibits 913 to 918 inclusive, I think,  
16 and from this exhibit 3,001 as corrected by 3,002,  
17 and that is the sole source of the figures. The defense  
18 are fixed to those and we need not look beyond them.  
19 That will save you a lot of cross-examination. The  
20 defense stand or fall on those exhibits I have men-  
21 tioned. We need only look at that and form our own  
22 conclusions.

23 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: May I refer, sir, to ex-  
24 hibit 3,003-A to illustrate further what I think is  
25 the difficulty with the figures that have been pro-

1 vided by the witness. If I may direct the witness'  
2 attention to defense document 1572, now exhibit 3,003-A,  
3 entitled "Comparative Table of Naval Vessels on Hand  
4 Between the U.S.A. and Japan as of December 7, 1941,"  
5 the second item from the top, namely, aircraft carriers--

6 Q Will you, Mr. Witness, show on the Washington  
7 documents where you arrived at the figures eight  
8 carriers with the tonnage put opposite them?

9 A I shall reply. I obtained those figures from  
10 Section 3-A of the documents of the Naval Department,  
11 Bureau of Ships. Then I shall change my reply and  
12 give you the name of the ship and tonnage.

13 Q You may omit the tonnage.

14 A Under type CV I have given LEXINGTON, 33,000  
15 tons; SARATOGA, 33,000 tons; the RANGER, 14,500 tons;  
16 the YORKTOWN, 19,800 tons; the ENTERPRISE, 19,800  
17 tons; the WASP, 14,700 tons; the HORNET, 19,800 tons.  
18 That totals seven aircraft carriers.

19  
20 THE PRESIDENT: Well, ten or twenty or thirty  
21 thousand tons is neither here nor there in a matter of  
22 this description. Why waste a lot of time on details?

23 CAPTAIN ROBINSON: Those are all the carriers  
24 there, sir. He has found another carrier somewhere  
25 and I am trying to find it.

THE WITNESS: This type CVE, the LONG ISLAND,



was also included, 8,000 tons.

1           Q   When you arbitrarily placed the CVE LONG  
2 ISLAND in that same class of combat carriers, did  
3 you not know that records of the Navy show that the  
4 LONG ISLAND is not a combat carrier and that she was  
5 used throughout the war only for transporting planes?

6           THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Brannon.

7           MR. BRANNON: The witness was not placed on  
8 the stand by the defense to prove any figures. We  
9 used his skill as a draftsman to take the figures  
10 which we gave him from American sources, and compare  
11 the prosecution figures already in evidence. There-  
12 fore he cannot answer any questions relative to the  
13 American figures unless they appear on the pages of  
14 this exhibit before the Tribunal.  
15

16           THE PRESIDENT: Yes, we regard him as such.  
17 We had no doubt that he was speaking from American  
18 figures, and the attack must be made on those, if at  
19 all. His calculations may be wrong, but there is no  
20 need to cross-examine him in great detail. We must  
21 not forget the magnitude of the issues here and con-  
22 fuse them with small issues such as might arise in a  
23 naval inquiry in Washington or somewhere else.  
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25           We will adjourn until half-past nine on Monday.

(Whereupon, at 1600, an adjournment was  
taken until Monday, 25 August 1947, at 0930.)

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